

REMARKS

The present response is supplemental to the Response filed March 13, 2003, which response has now been requested entry by the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) papers, and which Response was denied entry in the Advisory Action of March 26, 2003.

In the Response filed March 13, 2003, arguments to the allowability of the claims were set forth. Those arguments are believed to be sound and proper and the claims are believed to be allowable in view of such arguments.

The present response sets forth new Claims 14-17 for examination that are believed to also clearly recite allowable subject matter. New Claims 14-17 are all specifically directed to a "method for preparing solutions with predetermined concentrations of soluble sterile product in power form enclosed and sealed within a sterile bag constructed of flexible polyolefin materials". It is believed that those new method claims clearly distinguish over the applied art.

As discussed in detail in the Response filed March 13, 2003, each of the applied art discloses an operation of fully filling a bag containing a powder product. The present invention is directed to a bag and method for preparing solutions in which the bag is not completely filled with a solvent.

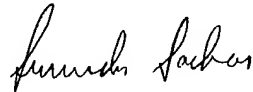
Thus, in new Claims 14-17 it is emphasized that the step of feeding an amount of solvent into the bag is performed "such that the fed amount of solvent is less than the capacity of the bag". That feature clearly distinguishes over the applied art as noted above and as detailed in the Response filed March 13, 2003, as in each of the cited art the bag is completely filled with the solvent.

In such ways, new Claims 14-17 are believed to recite allowable subject matter.

In view of the Response filed March 13, 2003, and the present Amendment, it is respectfully submitted that each of the currently pending claims are allowable. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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